

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

Labour Employment Training & Factories Department – Insurance Medical Services – Sankar Foundation (Eye Hospital), Visakapatnam – Grant of exemption permanently from E.S.I. coverage under section 87 of E.S.I. Act, 1948 – Rejected – Orders – Issued.

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G.O.Rt.No. 55

Dated:13.01.2011

Read the following:-

1. Exemption application dated 04.12.2009 of Sankar Foundation (Eye Hospital), Visakapatnam
2. From the DIMS Lr.Rc.No.12628/P1/2008, dated 28.10.2010.

ORDER:

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Management, Sanker Foundation, Visakhapatnam in their exemption application has stated that Sanker Foundation, a Public Charitable Trust (Regn.No.9485/84) running a Super Specialty Eye Hospital at Naidu Thota, Vepagunta in Visakhapatnam. They are in the eye care services rendering to the poor and less privileged population of the society distributed in the North Coastal A.P. They regularly conduct eye screening camps in the rural areas of Coastal AP and performed around 1,15,024 eye surgeries till date, and screened 6,91,781 patients for eye diseases. 90% of all the surgeries were done totally free of cost to the patients of underprivileged sections of the society. They also screened 1,76,896 school going children and issued 3643 spectacles at free of cost to them. They stated that they have been taking the insurance coverage under a Group Medi Claim and personal accidental insurance for all our employees. Now they would like to implement the ESI Scheme for all their employees'. However, they requested the Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Hyderabad' to kindly exempt them from paying the arrears, if any, considering the social service and the good work doing by them being a Public Charitable Trust.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Hyderabad' has stated that the Exemption Committee in its meeting held on 19.10.2010, has stated that "they provided coverage under Medical Insurance by New India Assurance Company Limited as per policy. Reportedly some of the employees are insured upto 30,000 and others upto 50,000 only, therefore the benefits being provided are subjected to limitation. In addition to the above, maternity benefits is paid to the employees for 3 months with 50% of wages as per report made available by the Assistant Director, SRO, ESI Corporation, Visakhapatnam. No other benefits are being paid to the employees. Therefore, as a whole the benefits provided by the employer are neither superior nor similar to the provisions of benefits of ESI Act. The Committee unanimously does not recommend for grant of exemption.

3. Government, after careful examination of the recommendations of the Standing Committee for Exemptions, hereby to reject the request of the Sankar Foundation (Eye Hospital), Visakhapatnam for grant of exemption to the employees from the coverage of section 87 read with section 91 A of E.S.I. Act, 1948 permanently, as it was found that the scale of benefits by the employer to the employees are neither similar nor superior of benefits provided under the ESI Act, 1948.

4. The Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Hyderabad' is requested to take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

D. SREENIVASULU  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The The Director of Insurance Medical Services, A.P., Hyderabad'.

Copy to

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The Regional Director, ESI Corporation, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED : : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER